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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/50/105 of 23 March 1995, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint two persons to fill vacancies that will arise in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, effective 31 December 1995.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Francis R. Spain (Ireland);

Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford (United States of America).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Francis R. SPAIN

Date of birth: 2 November 1943

Upon completion of secondary school education, studied law at University College Dublin and King's Inns, Dublin

Graduated from University College Dublin in 1967 with Degree of Bachelor of Civil Law. Called to the Bar in 1968

Practised at the Irish Bar as a Junior Counsel until 1980

Called to the Inner Bar in 1980 and continued in practice as a Senior Counsel until 1987

Practice at the Bar covered a wide range of cases in the areas of criminal and civil law

1987: Appointed a Judge of the Circuit Court on 31 July 1987, dealing with every type of case, criminal and civil and family law

1991: Appointed President of the Circuit Court, and ex officio, a Judge of the High Court on 27 June 1991. The post involves the administration of the Circuit Court for the entire country and, inter alia, the hearing of the appeals that come to the Court in Dublin from the Employment Appeals Tribunal

Bencher of the King's Inns. This body regulates the system of education of future barristers and all matters pertaining to the work practices, discipline and regulation of the Bar of Ireland

Member of the Committee of Court Practice and Procedure. This Committee advises the Minister for Justice on the various options to deal with any procedural problem in the Irish courts that might require legislation. The Committee also advises on the adoption of rules of practice in the courts

Chairperson of the Circuit Court Rules Committee

Chairperson of the Committee for the Revision of the Circuit Court, set up to recommend to the Government measures required to modernize and render more efficient the administration of the court throughout the country

Member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal 1993-1995

Interests outside the law include reading, sports, travel, film and theatre

Deborah Taylor ASHFORD

Education

J.D.	Yale Law School	1981
M.A.	The University of Alabama (English)	1974
B.A.	The University of Alabama (English and math)	1972

Legal experience

1982 to present — Hogan and Hartson L.L.P. (Partner since January 1990)

Practice areas: general representation of tax-exempt organizations, specializing in tax and corporate matters for international organizations; infrastructure privatization matters

Administrative responsibilities: Associate Administrator and Director of Administration for the firm (1985-1990), direct responsibility for firm's non-lawyer staff (library, legal assistant, secretarial, information systems, accounting, personnel, and office services staff, who numbered approximately 500), including budget preparation and monitoring, personnel decisions and coordination of construction and move to new office space of 225,000 square feet

Summer 1980 — Hogan and Hartson (summer associate)

Cravath, Swaine and Moore (summer associate)

Summer 1979 — Special Assistant to the Director, Office for Systemic Discrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Other experience

1977-1978 — Special Assistant to the Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare

1976-1977 — Special Advisor on Women's Issues in Vocational Education, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare

1974-1975 — Assistant Director and Instructor, Women Studies Program, the University of Alabama

1972-1974 — Graduate Assistant, English Department, the University of Alabama

Academic honours and activities

Yale Law School Scholarship, 1978-1981; Dean's Scholar, the University of Alabama, 1972-1974; Alumni Honours Scholarship, 1968-1972; Phi Beta Kappa

Yale Law School: Assistant in Instruction (Constitutional Law, Fall 1980); Research Assistant, Prof. Jerry Mashaw (Administrative Law) and David Rosen, Rosen and Dolan Law Firm; Intern, Citizens for Advocacy, Research and Planning; Member, Board of Directors, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization; Co-Director, Legal Services Project; Student Representative; Co-Chair, Yale Law Women's Association

Current legal activities

General Counsel, Presidential Inaugural Committee - 1993 and Presidential Inaugural Foundation - 1993

Member, Lawyer's Council of the Democratic National Committee

General Counsel, PEN/Faulkner Foundation, 1983-present